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SUBJECT: SINAI FIELD FORCES: PRIVILEGES AND
IMMUNITIES, PARA 6 OF U.S. PROPOSAL

1. REF PARA SETS FORTH IN GENERAL TERMS PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES WHICH U.S. PERSONNEL WITH SINAI FIELD FORCE WILL HAVE. WILL BE RECALLED THERE WAS SOME RELUCTANCE ON PART OF EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS IN ALEXANDRIA TO GO AS FAR AS REF PARA DOES. IN ANY EVENT, GENERAL NATURE OF PARA RAISES QUESTION OF WHETHER WE INTEND TO NEGOTIATE SEPARATE AGREEMENT OR EXCHANGES WITH GOE AND GOI ON REFINING PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES.

2. IF SO, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE BEGIN SUCH TALKS WITH GOE SOONEST. IT WOULD BE BEST TO PRESENT EGYPTIANS WITH DRAFT AGREEMENT OR LETTER FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. IF THE PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS LEADING UP TO THE PERTINENT EXCHANGE ON U.S. NAVAL CLEARANCE OPERATIONS IN SUEZ CANAL IS ANY INDICATION, WE MAY EXPECT LENGTHY BICKERING. GOE IS VERY SENSITIVE ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THIRD PARTY LIABILITY FOR PERSONS NOT ON OFFICIAL DUTY, AND MFA LAWYERS WILL DOUBTLESS FIGHT TO LIMIT PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

3. THIS WOULD ALSO SEEM TO TAKE ON SOME URGENCY

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SINCE I UNDERSTAND FIVE WIVES OF SINAI TEAM MEMBERS

WILL BE RESIDENT IN CAIRO. THUS, IN ADDITION TO
LIAISON PERSONNEL RESIDENT IN EGYPT AND TEAM MEMBERS
HERE ON R&R, THE OFFICIAL STATUS OF SUCH
FAMILY MEMBERS RESIDENT IN EGYPT WOULD ALSO HAVE TO
BE STIPULATED IN SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

4. WE WILL, OF COURSE, EXTEND FPO AND COMMISSARY
PRIVILEGES SUCH AS THEY ARE, BUT I BELIEVE IT
WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE SUCH PERSONNEL
ON EMBASSY DIPLOMATIC LIST. INSTEAD, I WOULD PROPOSE
NOTIFYING MFA, BY NOTE, OF ANY SUCH PERSONNEL OR
FAMILIES RESIDENT IN CAIRO.
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